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A good many things went into Davie's locker in Boston.

The "lame ducks" in Congress are not related to the "dead sojers" we read about.

When Roosevelt breaks his silence, he will do it with a sledge-hammer. Pity the silence!

Judging by the length of Taft's message, he must have torn several leaves out of Roosevelt's book.

Argument why Guildhall should be robbed of the county seat of Essex county: It has not a bathtub. Will not the legislature fall before such tremendous reasons as this?

United States District Attorney Alex. Dunning of St. Johnsbury gets a reappointment. The principal reason was because he has done well in the position; and that ought to be reason enough.

Cherbourg, France, set a bad precedent by winking at the acts of the American sailors who broke up the mirrors and otherwise smashed the furnishings in the Cherbourg saloons. For the benefit of the French, it might be stated that the United States is not a nation of Carries.

It will be remarkable if the Christian Science church gets through the period immediately following Mrs. Eddy's death without schisms of any sort or attempts to secure the leadership of the 2,000,000 people now said to be included in the membership of the organization. Although thoroughly cowed not very long ago, Mrs. Stetson of New York may be looked upon as the person most likely to bring a movement to gain the leadership. However, it would be natural that the church should go along from this time on without any nominal head.

It might be turned to advantage by the woman's suffragists that several scores of women attended the city meeting in Montpelier last night, when a vote was taken on the project to bond the city for a new school building, for the occasion was one of the few when the members of that sex take enough interest in such matters to attend public meetings. Their attendance last night was an indication of the wrought-up feelings of Montpelier over this school bond question, since it had twice previously been voted down. It was inevitable that the division of the voters should have attracted many women to the one side or the other.

No death of a young man has occasioned such general eulogy around Boston in recent years as that of Francis Harden Burr, a Harvard college graduate and student of one of the professional schools. Burr's greatest fame was that of an athlete, as he played four years on the varsity football eleven, was a member of the baseball team, of the varsity track team and was a prominent candidate for the varsity crew; but that which calls forth so much favorable comment on his life was the combination of his multiple athletic interests with an equally high place in the scholastic life of the institution, together with a high moral character, which made him respected and admired by his college mates. Burr was not of that bizarre type of college youth which one reads about in fiction; yet he was what a typical college youth might well be.

THE ELROY KENT CASE.

The manner in which the Vermont House of Representatives refused to commute the death sentence of Elroy Kent, condemned to be hanged for murder, was sufficiently decisive to discourage any further attempt in behalf of the man. In fact, the vote of 187 to 44 is likely to discount succeeding efforts to mix legislative and judicial functions of the state when condemned murderers approach the gallows. The duties of the legislator are entirely extraneous to the judicial function, and the legislature should not be asked to review the work of the courts. The three functions of government—the executive, the judicial and the legislative—are entirely distinct, and they have their own particular work to perform. That the legislative body should have the right to nullify the acts

of the judicial arm of government is a confusion of the basic principles underlying the American nation. At the same time, it is admitted that there should be proper safeguards to prevent possible miscarriage of justice; but the reasonable limit of those safeguards end with the right of the executive to grant a stay of execution pending the presentation of the case of the condemned to the courts, not to the legislature.

Current Comment

Those 37 Citizens.

Thirty-seven citizens of Barre assembled the other evening to act upon a proposition to bond the municipality for \$45,000. Here is an instance which readily explains why the American "grafter" has become a flourishing and apparently permanent institution. So long as the public takes such indifferent interest in its affairs just so long will a lot of scheming individuals interest themselves for themselves in the public business.—Bennington Banner.

The Prison Board Report.

The report of the Washington county prison board for the year ending November 1, 1910, just issued, shows the highly efficient management of Sheriff Frank H. Tracy. The jail prisoners have earned \$1,340 during the past year for the state, of which \$703 has been turned into the state treasury and the balance has been expended in necessary items incident to the work. The number of prisoners this year have been one-third less than in 1909. Although this showing is a splendid one financially, by far the best in the state, the value of activity to the prisoners in their work in the open air and the necessary placing of them on their honor when sent out is of a higher reckoning than a dollars-and-cents basis. Sheriff Tracy began another official term of two years. Thursday, thus insuring to Washington county a continuance of the highly efficient and progressive management at the county jail.—Northfield News.

The Vermont Winter.

In the minds of many intelligent people, some of whom live no farther south than New York City, a Vermont winter is associated with weather of almost arctic severity, not to be mentioned without a shudder. Those of us who are intimately acquainted with this season here dread the getting into the winter and getting out of it more than the winter itself.

As a matter of fact the Vermont winter is much more enjoyable than the same season in some other states. The ground is covered with snow, as a rule, which is pleasanter certainly, than alternate mud and frozen ground. All roads are good roads when the snow paths are well trodden. The honk of the automobile is not heard in the land and the horse has his innings. The snow prevents the blowing of the dust laden with germs which is an unhealthy feature of winter in a climate cold enough for more or less freezing weather, but not cold enough for snow in any great quantity.

The boys and girls who grow to manhood without experiencing the joys of sleighing, coasting and skating are to be pitied. Few, if any, summer sports are their equal. One of the most beautiful sights in nature is the morning sun shining on a forest white with newly fallen snow, or, better yet, the trees after an ice storm when the ice-encased twigs flash and scintillate like millions of jewels.

There are winter days when the air is as exhilarating as "wine that maketh glad the heart of man." There is a tonic quality in this atmosphere that brings out a man's optimism and that is not found in hot weather, or in iron-climate. Of course there are a few "cold snaps," days when the stern iron-bound rigor of winter is so severe that one longs for a warmer climate, but after all Vermont, generally speaking, is as healthy a place as one can find.

Most of the great nations, at least of our own time, are nations that possess a climate with a genuine winter season. Probably a majority of our greatest American men as boys have grappled with the severity of winter in the country, and having subdued that have been able to conquer almost everything else.

We complain of the cold, it is true, but we also complain of the heat. We are complaining lot anyway, at least in the matter of weather, but if we could have a referendum on our climate probably a majority of us would retain our winter, if we had an opportunity to dispose of it.

We might make more of an attraction of our winter sports. Already many city visitors come to Woodstock for this purpose, but there are other places where attractions equally as good might be offered. Such patronage, however, does not offer itself, generally speaking, but is sought out and comes as a result of the invitation.

The Vermont winter is not a thing to dread, as some picture it, but rather a season to be enjoyed and a source of health and benefit to our people.—Montpelier Journal.

An Apt Description.

"This is what I call a hand-to-mouth existence," sighed the dramatic critic as he tried to cover his yawn with his right hand for the eighteenth time during the first performance of Dullbeigh's new comic opera.—Harper's Weekly.



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Pa's Failing Facilities.

Pa paid six dollars for a hat; ma thinks he's lost his mind; It's lined with silk, and one of those brown, softish, woolly kind. He brought it home the other night and kept it on a while; Before she found out what it cost ma kind of liked its style; But when pa told her what he paid she sank down in a chair. And said: "Pa every day you get more foolish, I declare. "I shouldn't think," she said, "that you would waste your cash like that! Nobody but a fool would pay six dollars for a hat! The children need new overcoats; their shoes are shabby, too; Sometimes you make it hard for me to keep respectin' you; Think of the many ways I try to save day after day; And here you go and waste the cash in such a foolish way. "If we had millions, I should be the last one to complain; But here we live from hand to mouth—It's just a constant strain! I must deny myself the things I often wish I had. And then you buy a hat like that—it simply is too bad! Six dollars merely thrown away! It fills me with the blues—Six dollars for a hat! Enough to buy two pair of shoes!" Pa sat and listened for a while as though he felt ashamed, And pretty soon he says: "Well, I'll admit I should be blamed; Six dollars for a hat's too much; I'll take it back—but say, How much did that one cost that you brought home the other day?" Ma left the room and we could see a tear roll down her cheek; She's worried over pa and thinks his mind is gettin' weak. —Chicago Record-Herald.

BURIED AT WEST POINT.

Major-General Wesley Merritt, United States Army, Retires.

West Point, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Major-General Wesley Merritt, U. S. A., retired, 21st superintendent of the United States Military academy, was buried last night by lamplight with the military honors of his rank, beside the body of his first wife in the military reservation cemetery at West Point. There was no service in the chapel of the academy, as had been planned, for the idler was so late and the weather so cold that it was felt wisest to make the ceremonies brief.

The heavy snow storm so delayed train service that it was after five o'clock when the special train bearing the body pulled into West Point station and it was nearly six when the full parade formed opposite the academy.

The life and drum corps followed by the full cadet corps fell in at the front on the appearance of the coffin. The flutes blared from their instruments as they whirled the slow measures of the "Dead March." Behind them clanked the escorting battery, then came the coffin, followed by the pallbearers, mourners and attending civilians. As the long procession clanked through the darkness, the flash of the post minute gun glared for an instant across the shrouded fields, followed by the dull jar of the report. Thirteen guns were fired. Lanterns guided the procession to the grave, and there, while the mourners stood hunched in the snow, the coffin was lowered into its resting place of green boughs, three volleys echoed across the river and the bugle sounded taps.

Wesley Merritt was born in New York on June 16, 1836, and was appointed to the Military academy from Illinois in 1855. He was graduated with the class of 1860 and almost immediately plunged into the Civil war. For the next five years his record was one continuous series of promotions. He was six times brevetted in the volunteer service and the regular army for gallant and meritorious conduct on the field of battle. He was mustered out in 1866 with the rank of major-general and took rank in the regular army as lieutenant-colonel.

In 1876 as a colonel he saw service in the Indian campaigns at Slim Buttes, Dakota, and at Indian Creek, Wyoming. From 1882 to 1887 he was superintendent at West Point, when he was promoted to be brigadier-general, U. S. A.

MIDDLESEX MAN SUES

For Damages to Boat After It Had Been Cast Off Moorings.

The case of George H. Root of Middlesex vs. Henry W. Putnam of New York City has been entered in Washington county court. This case takes its origin from the same circumstances as the case of Sylvester W. Ploof vs. Henry W. Putnam, damages from the loss of Ploof's sloop by being blown upon the north shore of Thompson's point in Charlotte in November, 1904, after the sloop had been cast off from the island of Mr. Putnam, where it attempted to tie to escape from a violent storm. This case was carried three times to the supreme court, besides being tried once in county court. The plaintiff obtained judgment at each trial and this finally collected his verdict of \$650 and costs.

Mr. Root, his wife and small child were on the sloop, with all their belongings, having hired Mr. Ploof to move them from Ferrisburg to Williamsburg, N. Y., and lost all they had by the accident. This suit is brought to recover for their damages from the disaster.

The attorneys are the same as in the former case. Martin S. Vilas and Sherman B. Moulton represent Mr. Root, and Batchelder & Bates of Bennington represent Mr. Putnam.

CARS DERAILED AT MILTON.

Broken Wheel Blocks Track Till Early Hour This Morning.

Milton, Dec. 7.—The breaking of a wheel derailed two cars of extra freight No. 418 in Milton hollow at ten o'clock last night. No one was hurt, but the track was blocked for over three hours, delaying the southbound sleeper. A wreck train was sent here from St. Albans.

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RANDOLPH.

Dr. E. O. Blanchard is quite ill with a cold and confined to the house.

Mrs. Solomon Howard, who has been critically ill for a few days, is now improving.

Chief Judge J. W. Rowell is improving from a late illness, though not yet able to be out.

Dr. H. W. Holden, it is said, is making fairly good recovery from a late surgical operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. W. S. S. Buck, and her two daughters, Misses Alyce and Dorothy Buck, were in Montpelier Tuesday visiting the legislature and the State House.

The new road near Findlay bridge between here and Bethel has been opened and the old road is closed. In this the two grade crossings have been abolished and an underpass built.

The Buck Printing company have purchased from Boston parties a new up-to-date printing press, which it is expected will arrive this week and be installed for use in the office in the job printing work.

About 90 members of the Christian brotherhood assembled for the usual 7 o'clock dinner at the parish house on Monday night, after which they discussed the grade crossing subject with great interest. Several plans were suggested by different members.

Louis Mazzolini and his son, Antonio Mazzolini, have bought the stock of the fruit store here and opened the same on Monday noon under the firm name of "The Randolph Fruit Market," and will conduct business at the old stand for the present. Bustiana de Patro of Swanton also purchased the stock at the Bethel fruit store and will conduct the same either personally or by an agent which he will place there.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Thursday, Dec. 15, "Alias Jimmy Valentine" at Barre Opera House.

When "Alias Jimmy Valentine," which has been running two years in New York, comes to the opera house Thursday, December 15, the detective-thief drama will be played as written. This it was impossible to do in Chicago, where the play was originally produced, and one of the most effective situations in the whole piece was lost. This was because of the factory laws which obtain in Chicago, and which prohibit the appearance on the stage of children. Paul Armstrong, who always writes a child or a pair of children in his stage productions, hinged the big scene of "Alias Jimmy Valentine" on an accident which befell one of the children—and Chicago wouldn't let the child go on. Consequently, the boy who plays little Bobby, but is just a year ahead of the factory prohibition, had to work "single" and when it came time to introduce the little girl a "dummy" had to be used. In New York, where there is a trifle more freedom in these matters a little girl has been playing the part which was "dummed" in Chicago, and the strength of the big scene between Jimmy Valentine, the bank burglar, and the two youngsters has thus been maintained.

Teacher-Training Courses.

The bill providing for the establishment of teacher-training courses in approved academies and high schools has become a law, and it is now up to the state superintendent of education to see that the provisions of the new law are so carried out as to ensure the best possible results in the way of a more ample supply of trained teachers than the state has hitherto had within reach. Nobody expects that this result is to become apparent at once. It will take time, and careful planning, and wise direction, to ensure the change for the better to which the friends of the bill pinned their faith in the rather warm contest over it in the legislature. But if, in the different localities where these courses are placed, the young men and women who incline toward a teacher's career avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded for practical training in school room work, the passage of the bill will prove to have been a decided step in advance, and the state will in due time reap a benefit therefrom.—Ludlow Tribune.

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